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[1](#)B. Thompson-Benavidez email September 17, 2008

[1](#)1. (U) During an October 24 meeting, the Executive Director of the ASEAN Centre for Energy (ACE), Mr. Nguyen Manh Hung, said the final draft of ASEAN's Energy Action Plan for 2010-2015 will be presented to Senior Officials in March 2009 and will be adopted by ASEAN Ministers in May 2009. He did not offer any information on the contents.

[1](#)2. (U) Mr. Manh and his staff had reviewed a number of proposals in the area of energy efficiency that the ASEAN-U.S. Technical Assistance and Training Facility (TATF) had sent to them previously. Mr. Hung was interested in working with the U.S. to implement several of the projects and as they are in line with the forthcoming Action Plan. He said the Centre is particularly interested in compact fluorescent lamp (CFL) standards, cleaner coal, window efficiency, and cogeneration cook stove activities. Hung also expressed an interest in the proposed ASEAN energy and environmental sustainability conference (ref B), but would like to discuss topics in more detail before moving forward on dates or a location.

[1](#)3. (U) Manh identified a number of priorities for the Centre. These include: how to develop appropriate rules and regulations for cross border power transmission (taxation, competition, for example), how to address the issue of financing and technology transfer in renewable energy, how to increase energy efficiency in ASEAN economies and perform energy audits, and how to develop an ASEAN regime for the safe development of nuclear power.

[1](#)4. (U) For all proposed activities, Manh stated that ACE will be seeking an MOU with the implementing agency to set the framework for cooperation. They are about to sign such an agreement with ECO-Asia. He noted that ACE would be looking for a payment(s) to the Centre to support operational costs for this and other agreements. (Note: This reflects ACE's difficulty in funding its own operations and priorities, a common problem within ASEAN institutions -- see ref A. End Note).

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